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# *KIDS and country life*



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*W*HETHER IT WAS taking a ride  
on old Nell, chompin' on green apples,  
or proudly strolling home with a  
day's catch—through the years country life  
provided memories galore for farm kids.

Some say  
it still does.



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*J*UST LIKE KIDS everywhere, country kids develop their own unique toys, carry out their individual responsibilities, and improvise to have fun.







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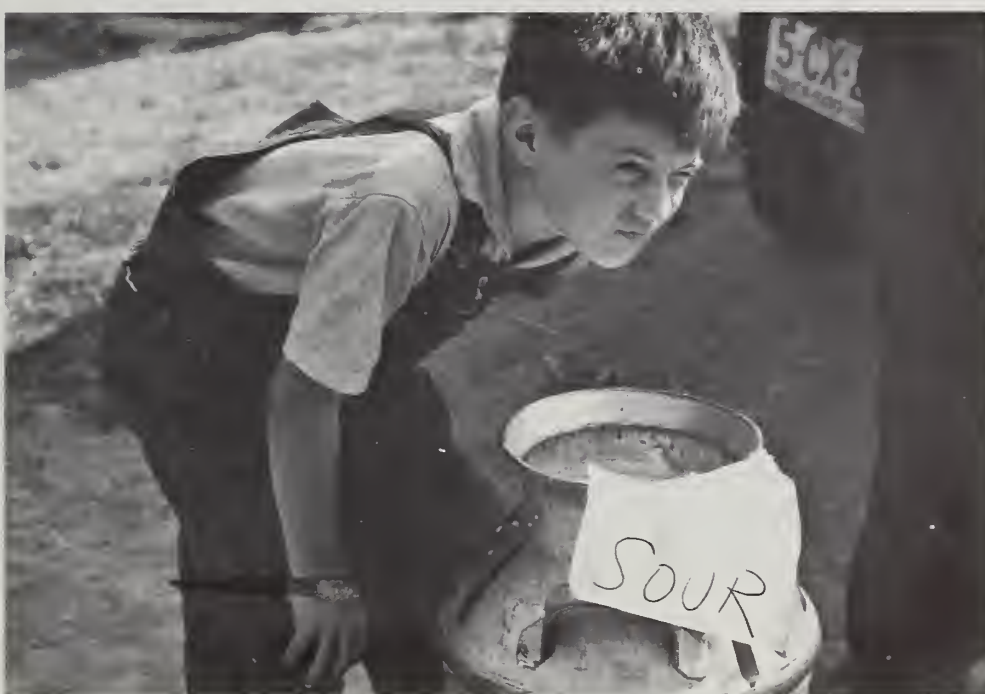








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*M*OST EVERYONE will admit that farm kids get close to nature early in life, learning the value of water, of soil, of people who have worked on the land. Maybe that's one reason American agriculture has grown so fast. Kids on farms develop acute senses, learn early to be inquisitive and aware of life around them.





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SCHOOLS OFFER A TIME TO PLAY, TRUE . . .





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...*B*UT they  
also offer  
a place  
to think,  
to study.  
And at  
day's end, there are the endless chores. They've changed  
through the years, although kids won't admit it perhaps.





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# FARM YOUNGSTERS

have always shared in the work on a farm. They've become expert at carrying water to hands in the field—even become adept at handling the water jug themselves. They've followed in the furrows planting peas, fetched and carried for threshing crews, and learned to handle a scoop better than most men for longer hours too.



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**T**ODAY they take to tractors easier than their fathers learned the peculiarities of a team. Or they continue to learn household tasks and make clothes their grandmothers would have thought available only to the rich.



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YES, farm kids *are* lucky. Maybe they've always been lucky although at times they would be the last to think so. Sometimes the cranking of an ice cream freezer seems bearable only because of the reward to come, or the climbing of a snow-packed slope worthwhile only because of the thrills inevitable on the ride back down.

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***E**VERYONE remembers his youth with longing,  
even as he longed for something in his youth.  
Chances are we can all remember occasions of warmth and security  
and satisfaction, particularly if we had roots on the farm.*







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